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# Philanthropy's Role in Advancing a Respite Research Agenda that Addresses the Diverse Needs of Family Caregivers



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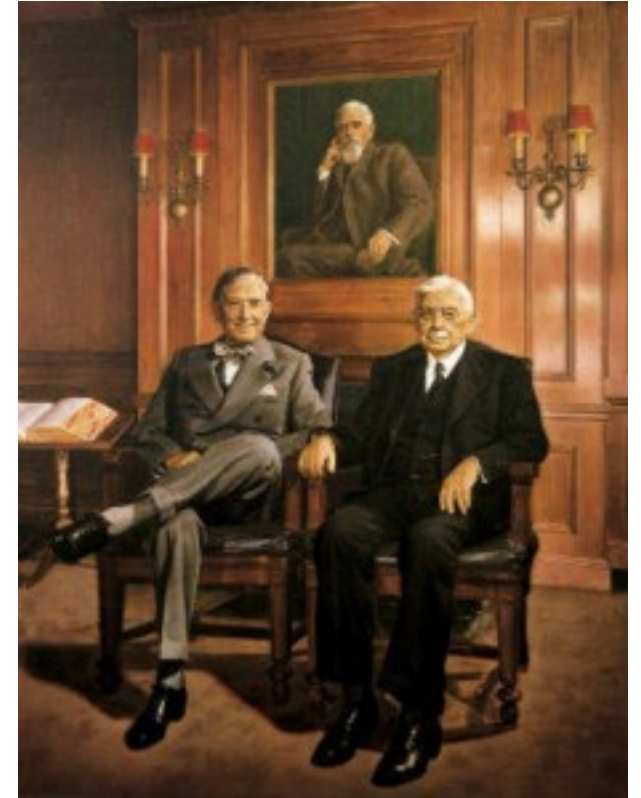


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# Our Philosophy

“It is necessary to carve from the whole vast spectrum of human needs one small band that the heart and mind together tell you is the area in which you can make your best contribution.”

– John A. Hartford



John and George Hartford

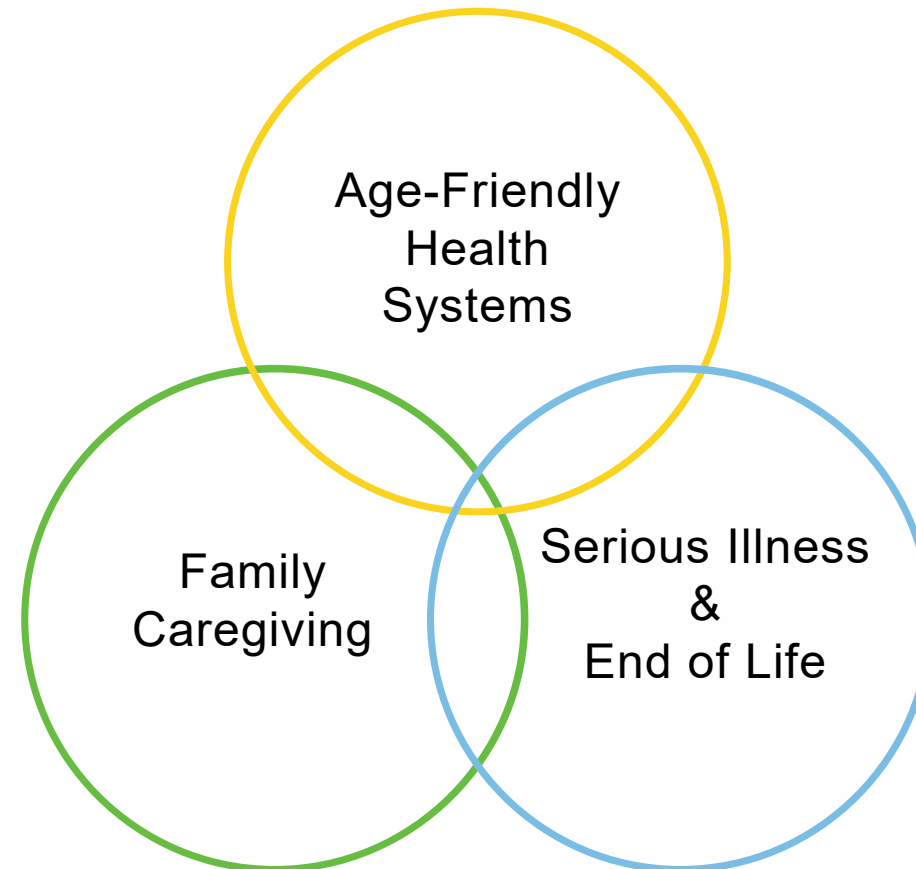




# Mission & Priorities

DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE CARE OF OLDER ADULTS

## PRIORITY AREAS



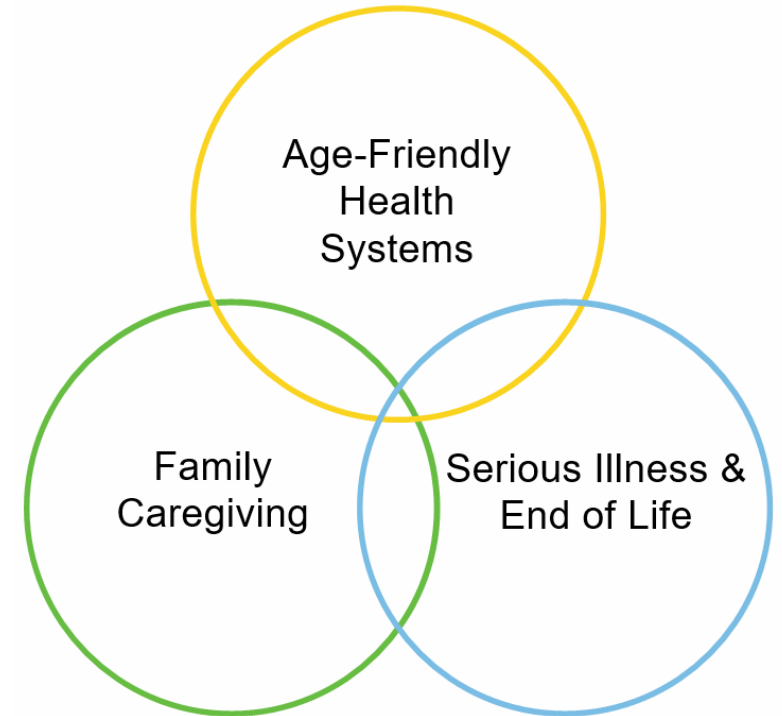


# Program Team

Sources and ways of knowing include:

- Continuously exploring and refining ideas to bring to the Foundation
- Using program priority areas to frame aging and health focus
- Overlapping concentric circles

## PRIORITY AREAS





# How an Idea Becomes a Grant

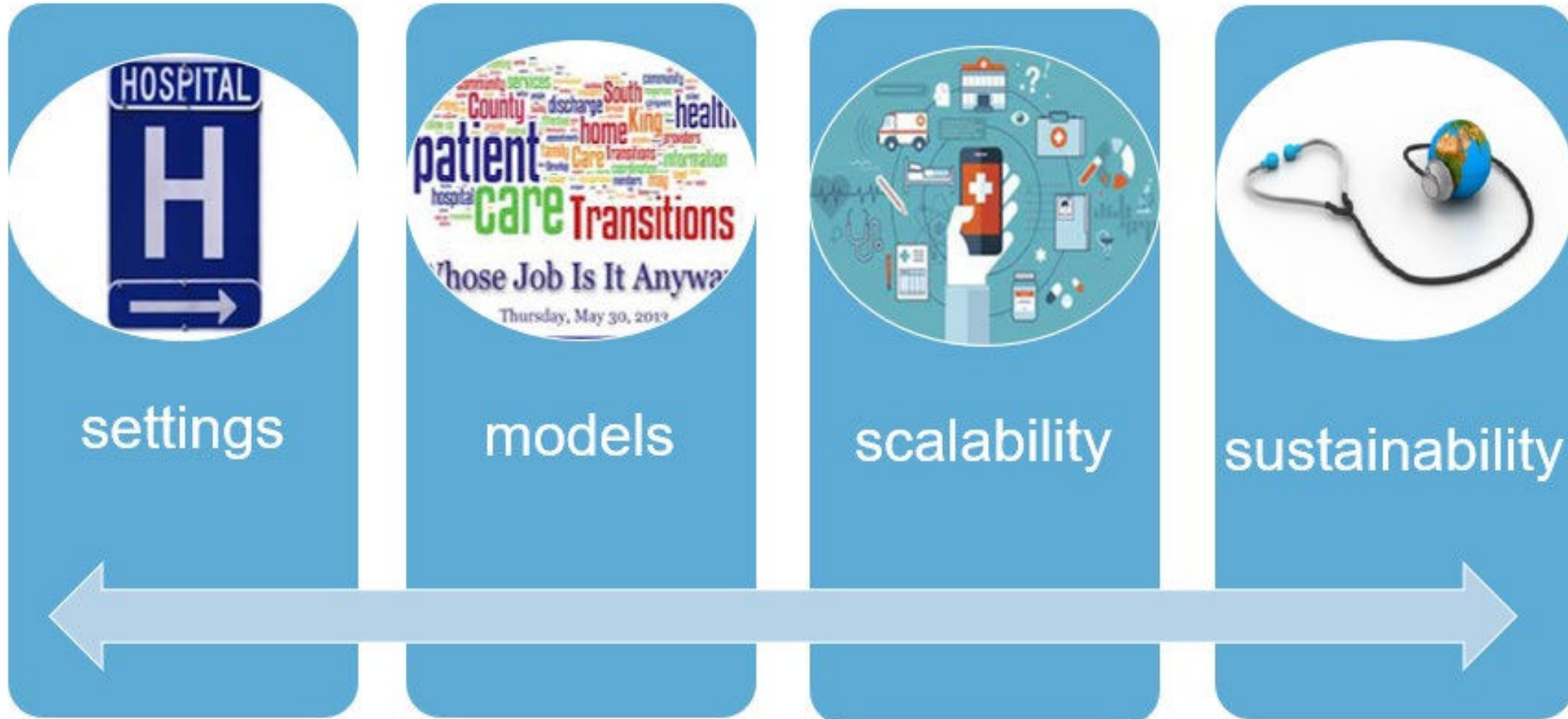
## Additional sources include:

- Staff knowledge and networking
- Meetings in the field
- Board
- Journal articles
- News
- Universities
- Professional societies
- Trade organizations
- Through current grants
- Experiences with older adults
- People and patients we serve
- Government





# We make judgments related to...





# Strategies: the How

## from May 2019 Trustees Meeting

- Approaching issue(s) from multiple reinforcing angles
- Building demand from multiple stakeholders
- Helping federal entities through partnerships and thought leadership
- Ensuring our various programs inform each other
- Using a multi-tiered communications approach
- Using our longstanding JAHF community to accelerate change

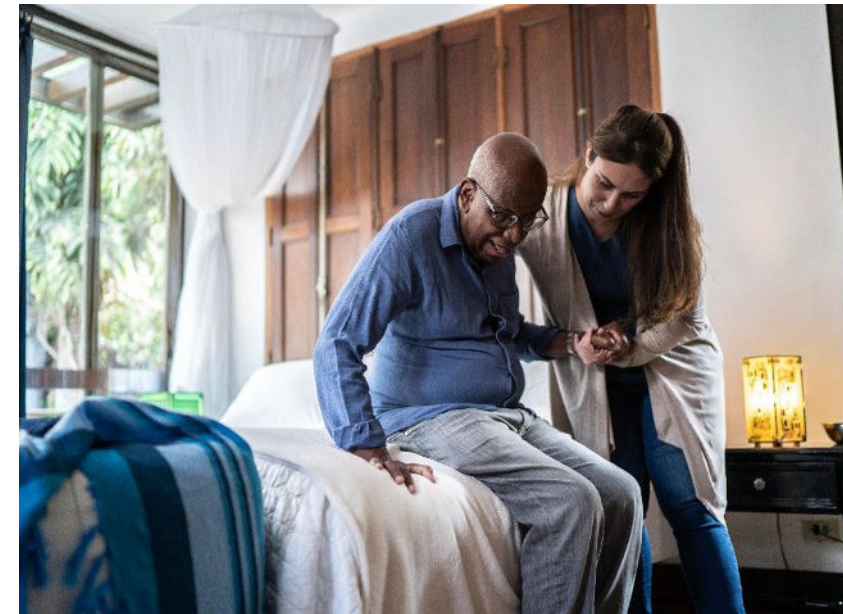






# The Importance of Philanthropy Investing in Respite Services

- Evaluation and research are important to guide philanthropy in funding the most effective programs
- More rigorous evaluations to inspire researchers to look at respite as a model
- Research and evaluation can be especially important for implementation of models



# NASHP – Respite Work



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Support and foster state and national efforts to increase access to respite for family caregivers by:

- Developing, testing, and scaling a respite workforce
- Hosting a Respite Summit to disseminate state best practices
- Facilitating a federal-state dialogue to implement respite actions within the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers
- Conducting state scans on respite and direct care workforce policy activity



NATIONAL ACADEMY  
FOR STATE HEALTH POLICY



# People Need Help Today: Best Programs for Caregiving

- Easy-to-use online resource for organizations to select dementia caregiving support
- Over 40 proven programs, searchable by racial/ethnic population and availability virtually/by telephone
- Collaboration of Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging and Family Caregiver Alliance
- **NEW consumer version:** zip code finder with focus on reaching diverse populations in partnership with Diverse Elders Coalition



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[bpc.caregiver.org](https://bpc.caregiver.org)



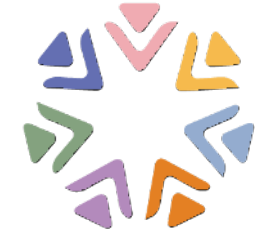
# Diverse Elders Coalition



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## Goal of Grant

Educate and train health care and social service providers while raising awareness among policymakers



DIVERSE  
ELDERS  
COALITION

## Approach

1. Refine and deliver the curriculum to train more professionals on the needs of family caregivers of diverse older adults
2. Continue to improve and expand caregiver supports and services
3. Engage in advocacy on issues that affect caregivers from diverse communities





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# National Campaign: Action Toward Implementation of Strategy

JAHF funded National Alliance for Caregiving to catalyze policy action and federal-level coordination:

- Engaging caregiver/patient advocacy groups, health systems, state-level coalitions
- Tracking implementation progress on federal commitments to ensure transparency and accountability
- Educating federal and state policymakers about opportunities to better support caregivers



[ActOnRAISE.org](https://ActOnRAISE.org)

# NAC Caregiver Nation Summit 2023



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# CMMI/CMS Role – Furthering Support



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- GUIDE Model is a big step in recognizing value of community-based service and support for caregivers
- Ideas include:
  - Supporting AHA and AAAs in furthering partnerships and contracts
  - Funding for hospitals and community to partner (not just a referral source)
  - Support for Aging & Disability Business Institute

**CMS.gov**

*CMS Innovation Center*  
New Dementia Model:  
Guiding an Improved Dementia  
Experience (GUIDE) Model



# CMS GUIDE Model – Medicare FFS Payment for Comprehensive Dementia Care



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## 5 key aims:

1. Define a standardized approach to care
2. Provide alternative payment model – with a **monthly per-beneficiary payment**
3. Address unpaid caregiver needs – 24/7 support and referrals to CBOs
4. Provide respite services to caregivers (\$2,500 available per beneficiary per year)
5. Screen for health-related social needs







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# Thank You!

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